



## Nebraska Judicial Profile 2010

# Honorable Paul D. Merritt, Jr.

### Judgeship

1988 – present

**Judge of the District Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District**  
*(Lancaster County)*

2010

**Presiding Judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, Lancaster County**

2005 – present

**Judge of the Lancaster County Adult Drug Court**

### Experience

1987 – 1988

**Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Nebraska**

1977 – 1987

**Private practice of law**

Ogallala, NE

### Education

**University of Nebraska College of Law, 1977**

Juris Doctorate

**University of Maryland, 1974**

Bachelor of Arts

**European Division**

### Judicial/Law Related Activities

#### Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

#### Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Interpreter Advisory Committee, founding member, 2005 – present

Nebraska Interstate Compact, State Council, Judicial

Representative, 2005 – present

#### Nebraska District Judges Association

Past president

Child Support Guidelines Committee

Nebraska Child Support Advisory Commission  
Legislative Committee  
New Judge Orientation Committee, Judicial Branch Education

**Teaching & Publishing**    **Adjunct professor**, University of Nebraska College of Law,  
1997 – 2006  
**Guest Lecturer**, frequently, Nebraska Judicial Branch Education  
**Course instructor**, Jury Management Training for Court Staff  
**Lecturer**, New Judge Orientation for Nebraska Trial Court Judges  
**Lecturer**, Judicial Notice and Preservation of the Record for Court  
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